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The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 31 December 2014 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 27 January 2015. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010018.

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- widening of the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury over a length of approximately 5.6 km (3.5 miles) from the existing two lane dual carriageway to a three lane dual carriageway. Between Alconbury and Brampton Hut this would generally be achieved by widening on the east side of the existing road; between Brampton and Brampton Hut a new road would be constructed to the west of the existing A1 which would become the new A1. This would enable the existing carriageway over this length to form part of the new A14 Huntingdon Southern Bypass. A local access road approximately 2.5 km (1.6 miles) would link the Ellington Junction with Woolley Road;
- a new Huntingdon Southern Bypass of approximately 20 km (12.5 miles) in length, which would provide a two lane dual carriageway between Ellington and the A1 at Brampton and a three lane dual carriageway between Brampton and Swavesey. The new bypass would cross over the River Great Ouse and the East Coast mainline railway. It would include junctions with the A1 at Brampton and with the A1198 at Godmanchester;
- downgrading the existing A14 trunk road to county road status (known as de-trunking) over approximately 21 km (13 miles) between Brampton Hut and Swavesey, as well as between Alconbury and Spittals interchange;
- Huntingdon town centre improvements, to include the closure and demolition of the A14 viaduct over the East Coast mainline railway and Brampton Road in Huntingdon. A new link road would be constructed to improve accessibility into Huntingdon from the south and east by connecting the old A14 directly with Huntingdon Ring Road near the bus station and by constructing a new link road from Brampton Road to connect with the A14 to the west. As such, a through route for light vehicles would be maintained;
- widening of the existing A14 over approximately 7.9 km (5 miles) to provide three lanes in each direction between Swavesey and Bar Hill and four lanes in each direction between Bar Hill and Girton;
- widening of a 2.5 km (1.5 mile) section of the Cambridge Northern Bypass between Histon and Milton;
- improvement of existing A14 junctions at Swavesey, Bar Hill and Girton to improve the capacity of the road, ensure compatibility with adjacent proposed developments such as Northstowe and provide improved connections for non-motorised users; and
- a new local access road following the route of the A14 over a distance of approximately 8 km (5 miles), including construction of a dual carriageway link between the existing A14 near Fen Drayton and Swavesey junction and a single carriageway between Swavesey and Girton. The road would provide a route for local traffic between Cambridge and Huntingdon as well as providing access to properties and businesses along the corridor.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow Highways England, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The DCO would also make provision for development which would constitute associated development together with other ancillary matters, including those relating to the creation of new structures (such as bridges and junctions), the stopping up and replacement of existing highways (including footpaths and bridleways) and of private means of access and the creation of new highways and private means of access. The DCO would also authorise the provision of borrow pits, soil storage areas, site compounds, flood compensation areas and drainage systems in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme.

HEARINGS

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